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FOR SHERMAN, EA/J

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. IMAI TO U.S.

REF: ECTON/BLOOM TELECON 3/9/77

1. EMBASSY WAS NOT AWARE OF GOJ DESIRE TO SEND DR. IMAI TO U.S. AS FOLLOW-ON TO INOUE DELEGATION. SUBJECT DID NOT COME UP EVENING OF MARCH 8 DURING CONVERSATION BY IMAI WITH ERDA REP. BUT EVEN THEN IT WAS NOT CLEAR THAT GOJ ALREADY HAD MADE REQUEST THROUGH ITS WASHINGTON EMBASSY.

2. EMBOFF ASKED OHTA OF UN BUREAU, MOFA, TO DETERMINE IF PURPOSE OF IMAI'S VISIT HAD BEEN LARGELY SUBSUMED BY EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS HELD BY MANY GOJ OFFICIALS (INCLUDING IMAI) WITH NOC COMMISSIONER GILINSKI AND DOS NUCLEAR ADVISER SCHEINMAN IN TOKYO. AFTER CHECKING WITH IMAI, OHTA REPORTED THAT IMAI FELT THAT HE STILL NEEDED TO TALK TO OTHER ENERGY POLICY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON. OHTA ALSO VOLUNTEERED THAT REASONS FOR IMAI VISIT WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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(A) TO DEMONSTRATE TO USG "VITAL IMPORTANCE" OF NUCLEAR POLICY ISSUE TO GOJ;
(B) INABILITY OF INOUE GROUP TO SEE SUCH OFFICIALS AS DR. SCHLESINGER, DR. BRZEZINSKI, AND MEMBERS OF POLICY PLANNING GROUP OF DOS;
(C) TO RAISE SOME QUESTIONS NOT COVERED BY INOUE;
(D) TO RESPOND TO SOME MATTERS MENTIONED BY U.S. TO INOUE

THAT LATTER COULD NOT TALK TO (E.G., PHORIUM CYCLE).
AFTER IMAI WASHINGTON VISIT, IMAI WOULD FLY TO SEATTLE
TO MEET FUKUDA PARTY AND PRESENT RESULTS OF HIS DISCUSSIONS
PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF PM FUKUDA IN WASHINGTON. OHTA ALSO
SAID JAPANESE EMBASSY HAD RECOMMENDED THAT IMAI DEFER TRIP UNTIL
AFTER FUKUDA VISIT ON GROUND THAT FUKUDA/CARTER TALKS
WILL NOT BE OF DETAILED TECHNICAL NATURE.

3. WE ARE UNDER IMPRESSION DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER
SOURCES THAT GOJ HAS FEELING NEITHER INOUE NOR TANAKA
DELEGATIONS WERE COMPLETELY CORRECT OR EFFECTIVE IN ALL
THE STATEMENTS THEY MADE, AND THAT ULTERIOR MOTIVE OF
IMAI TRIP WOULD BE TO CLARIFY STATEMENTS AND MAKE MORE
EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION.

4. WE HAVE TOLD OHTA THAT WE EXPECTED THAT IMAI MIGHT
HAVE DIFFICULTY IN GETTING APPOINTMENTS WITH SENIOR USG
OFFICIALS AT THIS CRITICAL TIME IN DEVELOPMENT OF U.S.
ENERGY POLICY BUT WE DID NOT FORECLOSE POSSIBILITY OF
VISIT.

5. DRS. GILINSKY AND
SCHEINMAN WILL HAVE FEEL FOR GOJ POSITION BY CONCLUSION
THEIR STAY HERE, WHICH THEY CAN PASS ON TO REST OF USG ON
THEIR RETURN AT LEAST AS EFFECTIVELY AS DR. IMAI.

6. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT DEPT DIS-
COURAGE IMAI VISIT BEFORE FUKUDA ARRIVAL, THAT IT POINT
OUT THAT OTHER INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ ON NUCLEAR
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MATTERS WILL BE HELD SUBSEQUENT TO FUKUDA VISIT, THAT
DR. IMAI MIGHT NOT FIND HIS VISIT BEFOREHAND BERY PRO-
DUCTIVE, AND THAT GOJ SHOULD REST ASSURED THAT USG DOES
NOT CONSIDER INOUE DISCUSSIONS AS BEING LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR
JAPAN TO EXPRESS ITS DETAILED VIEWS BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT
OF NEW U.S. NUCLEAR POLICY.
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